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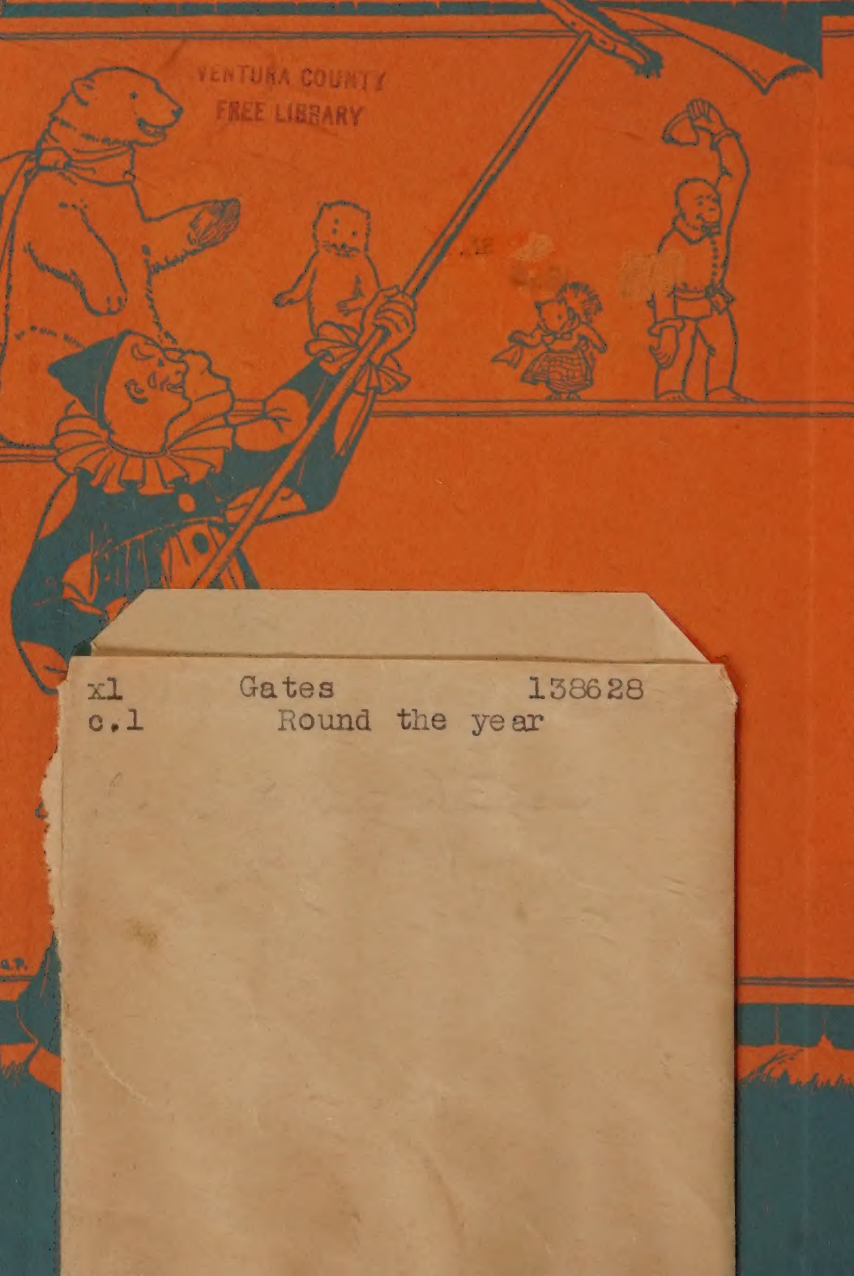

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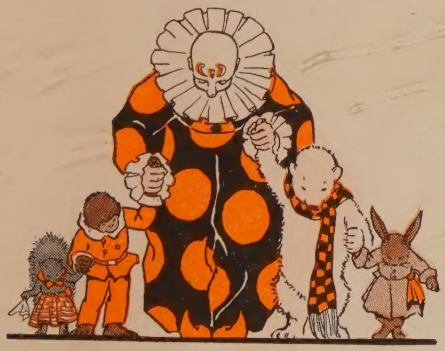

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CHAPTER ONE
WINTER
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The Snow

One day it snowed.
Big white snowflakes
fell on the ground,
on the trees,
and on the houses.
Every house was white.
Every tree was white.
All the ground was white.

Peter and Peggy liked the snow.

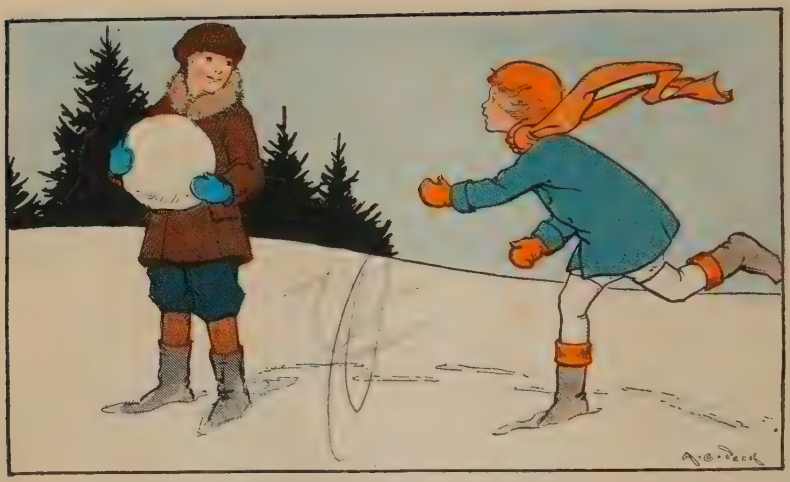
They put on their new sweaters and new coats.

They went out to play in the snow.

The snow fell in their eyes.

The snow fell on their coats.

Soon they looked like a snow boy and a snow girl.

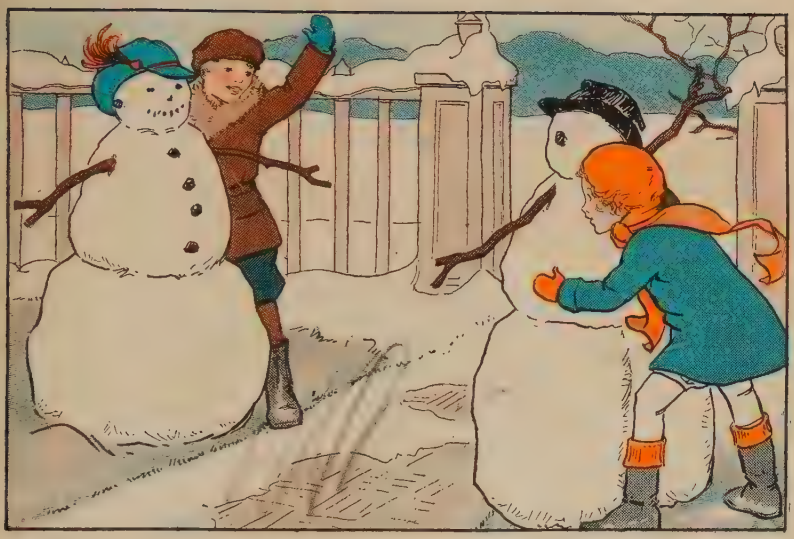


The Snow Children

"We will make a snow man," said Peter.

"Make a snow girl," said Peggy.

"I will make a snow girl, Peggy, and you make a snow boy," said Peter.



Peggy made a snow boy
and called it Peter.

Peter made a snow girl
and called it Peggy.

They put the snow boy
and the snow girl
by the gate for Father to see

The Snow House

Father came home early that day.

He saw the snow boy and snow girl
by the gate.

He called Peter and Peggy
and said,

"To-morrow we will make
a snow house
for the snow boy and snow girl."

The snow fell all night.

In the morning
Peter and Peggy and Father
made a snow house.
[illegible] had a little door.

Peter and Peggy crawled into the snow house.

"Let's play we live in this house," said Peggy.

But Peter said,
"I should like to play
that I am a bear.
Then I would go to sleep
and sleep all winter
in this house."

"Bears don't sleep all winter,"
Peggy said.

"Yes, they do," said Peter.

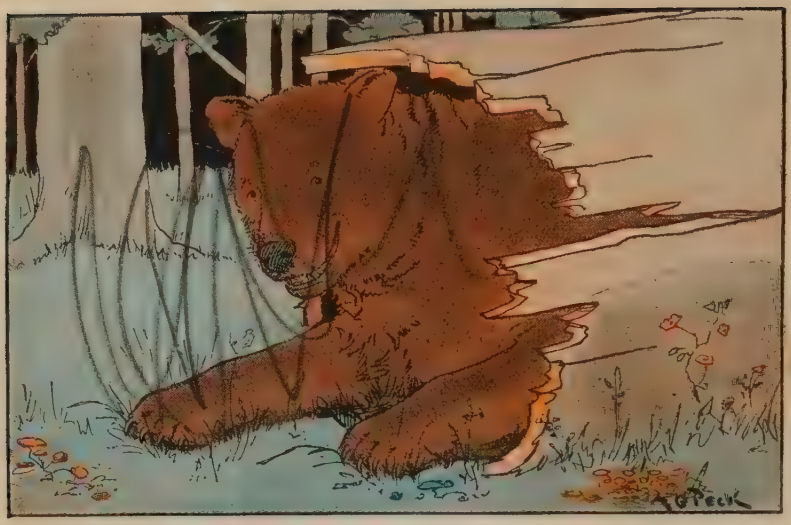
Bears

Peter was right.
Bears do sleep all winter.

In the summer time
bears eat and eat and eat.
They get very fat.
They put on thick coats of fur.

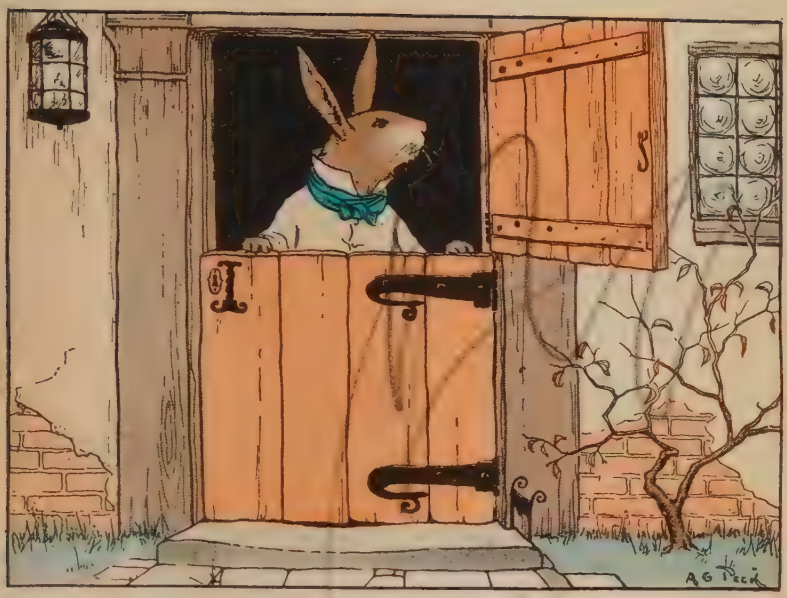
When the cold comes
and the snow falls,
the bear looks for a winter home.

Sometimes a bear
finds a hollow log
for his winter sleep.
He crawls in.
The snow covers up log
and bear and all.
There he sleeps.



When the warm sun shines
in the spring,
the bear comes out again.

There is an old story
that tells how the bear learned
to sleep all winter.
Would you like to read it?

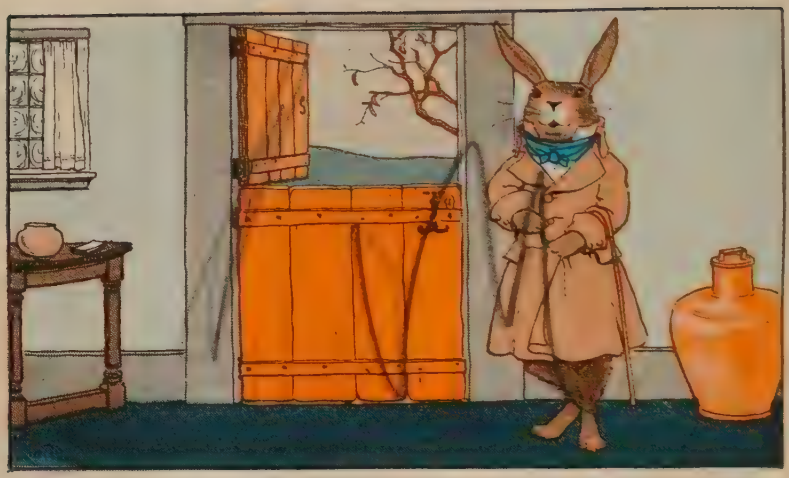


The Bear Sleeps All Winter

1. Mr. Rabbit

One day Mr. Rabbit looked out of his house.

"It is going to snow," he said.



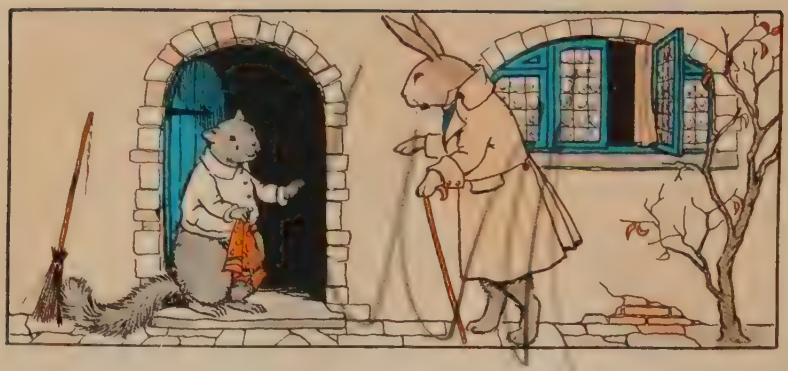
"I am glad I am ready
for winter," said Mr. Rabbit.
"I have carrots
and many good things to eat.
I will sit by my fire all winter.
But before it snows
I will go and see my friend,
Mr. Squirrel."

2. Mr. Squirrel

Down the road went Mr. Rabbit.
He came to Mr. Squirrel's house.
"Good morning, Mr. Squirrel,"
he called out.

Mr. Squirrel came to the door.
He saw Mr. Rabbit.
But he did not say,
"Good morning, Mr. Rabbit."
He began to cry.
He cried and cried and cried.

"Why do you cry, Mr. Squirrel?"
said Mr. Rabbit.
"Why do you cry?"



"Oh, Mr. Rabbit," said Mr. Squirrel,
"I had my house full of nuts for winter.
I went away this morning.
When I got back
all my nuts were gone.
Some one came into my house
and took every nut
I had ready for winter."

Mr. Squirrel began to cry again.

"Do not cry," said Mr. Rabbit.
"I have good things for winter
in my house.
Come and live with me."

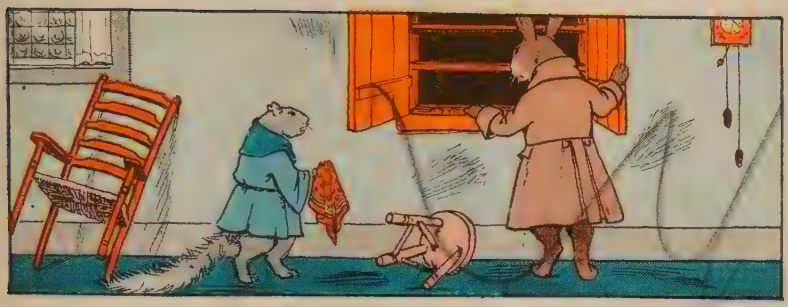
"Thank you, I will,"
said Mr. Squirrel.

3. The Black Tracks

Mr. Rabbit hopped down the road and Mr. Squirrel went with him.

They came to Mr. Rabbit's house.
They found the door open.
They went into the house.
"Who has been in my house?" cried Mr. Rabbit.
"Who has been in my house?"

There were big black tracks all over Mr. Rabbit's house.
And every carrot was gone!
All Mr. Rabbit's good things to eat were gone!



"What shall we do?"
said Mr. Squirrel.
And he began to cry again.

"We must get to work,"
said Mr. Rabbit.
"I must get some more carrots.
You must get some more nuts.
Winter is coming.
We must get more things to eat
before it snows."

4. Mr. Fox

As Mr. Rabbit and Mr. Squirrel
went down the road
they met Mr. Fox.

"Oh, Mr. Fox," said Mr. Squirrel,
"some one came into my house
and ate all my nuts!"

Mr. Rabbit said,
"Oh, Mr. Fox, some one came
into my house
and ate all my carrots!"

"I know who it was,"
said Mr. Fox.

"Last night he came
into my barnyard,"
said Mr. Fox.
"He took all my chickens.
I saw him.
It was Mr. Bear."

"Yes, it was Mr. Bear,"
said Mr. Squirrel.
"The big black tracks
in your house, Mr. Rabbit,
were Mr. Bear's tracks.
I know they were."

"What shall we do, Mr. Fox?"
said Mr. Rabbit.
"How can we live in winter?
Mr. Bear will take everything
we get to eat.
What can we do?"

Mr. Fox said,
"First we must find Mr. Bear."

5. The Hollow Log

Mr. Rabbit and Mr. Squirrel and Mr. Fox went to look for Mr. Bear.

They found him in a hollow log. He was asleep.

"If we could only keep him in this hollow log all winter!" said Mr. Rabbit and Mr. Squirrel.

"We can," said Mr. Fox, "if we get Mr. Beaver to help us."

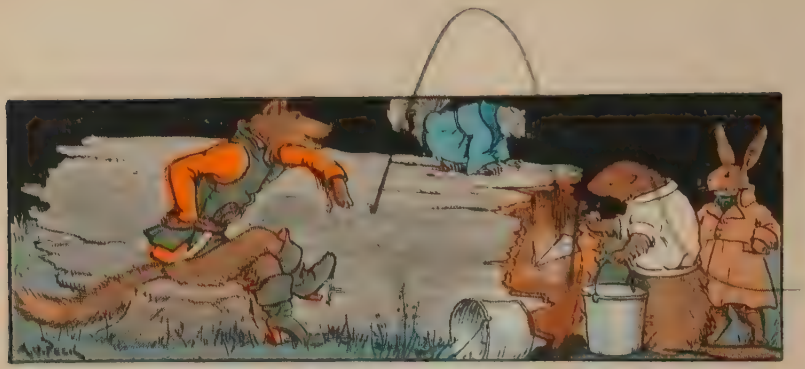
"I will run and get Mr. Beaver," said Mr. Squirrel.

6. Mr. Beaver Helps

Mr. Beaver came.
He saw Mr. Bear asleep.

"Please help us, Mr. Beaver,"
said Mr. Fox.
"Mr. Bear ate Mr. Squirrel's nuts.
He ate Mr. Rabbit's carrots.
He ate my chickens.
We can save nothing
for winter.
Help us keep Mr. Bear
in this hollow log."

"I will help you,"
said Mr. Beaver.



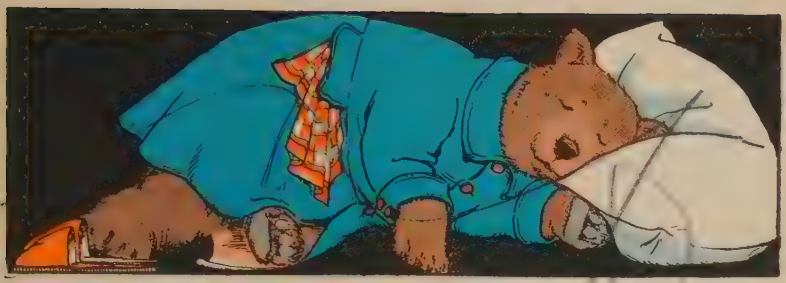
Mr. Beaver got some mud.

He put mud all over one end of the hollow log.

He put mud all over the other end of the hollow log.

"There!" said Mr. Beaver, "That will keep Mr. Bear inside!"

Then Mr. Beaver, and Mr. Fox, and Mr. Squirrel, and Mr. Rabbit went home.



7. Mr. Bear Sleeps

Mr. Bear slept and slept.

The next morning
he opened his eyes.
It was dark inside the log.
So he went to sleep again.

The snow fell.
It covered the log.
Mr. Bear was warm inside.
So he slept on and on and on.

8. Mr. Bear Wakes Up

One morning Mr. Bear woke up.
"I am hungry," he said.

He pushed out the mud
from the end of the log.
He crawled out.

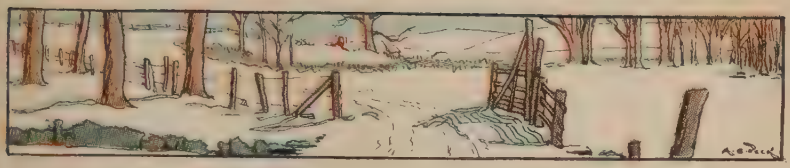
Mr. Bear looked around.
He saw green grass.
He saw green leaves
on the trees.

"Why, it is spring!"
said Mr. Bear.
"I have been asleep all winter.
That is a good thing to do.
I like it.
I will sleep every winter."

And he does.
When the first snow falls,
Mr. Bear finds a winter home.
There he sleeps until spring.

The Polar Bear

I am a polar bear.
I live in the Far North.
My coat is white.
I love the cold.



Yes or No?

Snow is on the ground
in winter.

Green leaves come on the trees
in winter.

Children play in the snow
in winter.

Boys make snow balls
in winter.

The little chickens play
in the grass in winter.

The trees are white with snow
in winter.

Which Is Right?

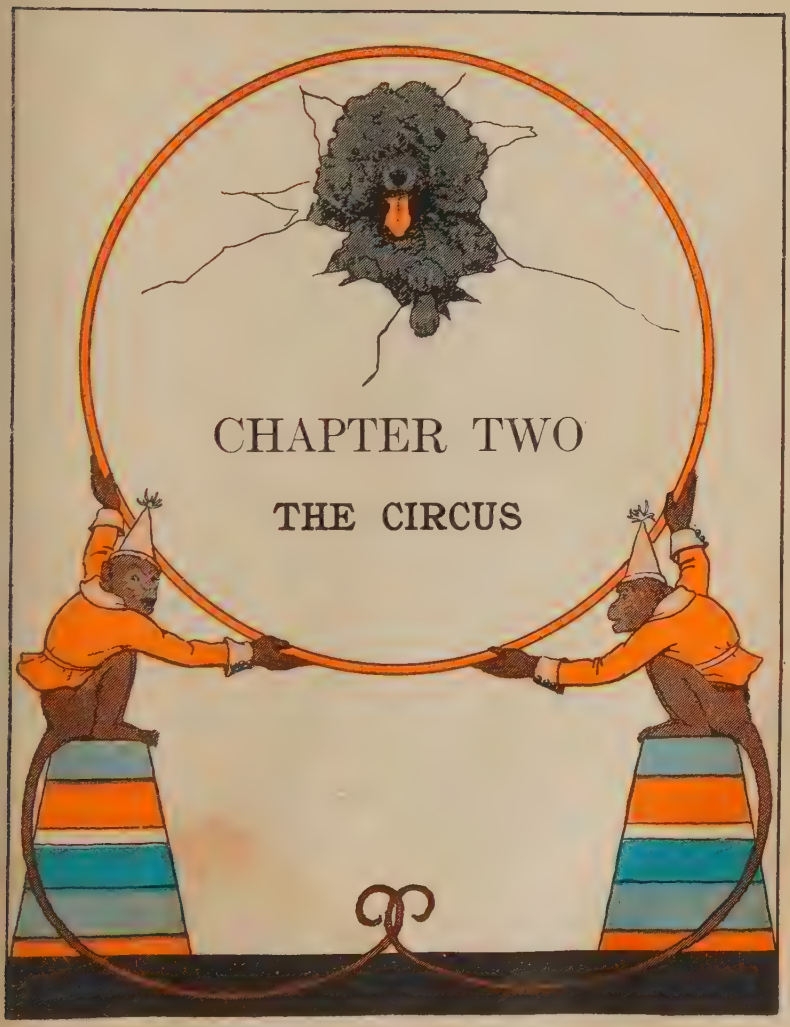
A bear sleeps
all winter all summer

A rabbit likes to eat
carrots chickens

A squirrel likes to eat
grass nuts leaves

Polar bears are
brown black white

A bear likes to sleep in winter
in a high tree
in a hollow log



CHAPTER TWO

THE CIRCUS

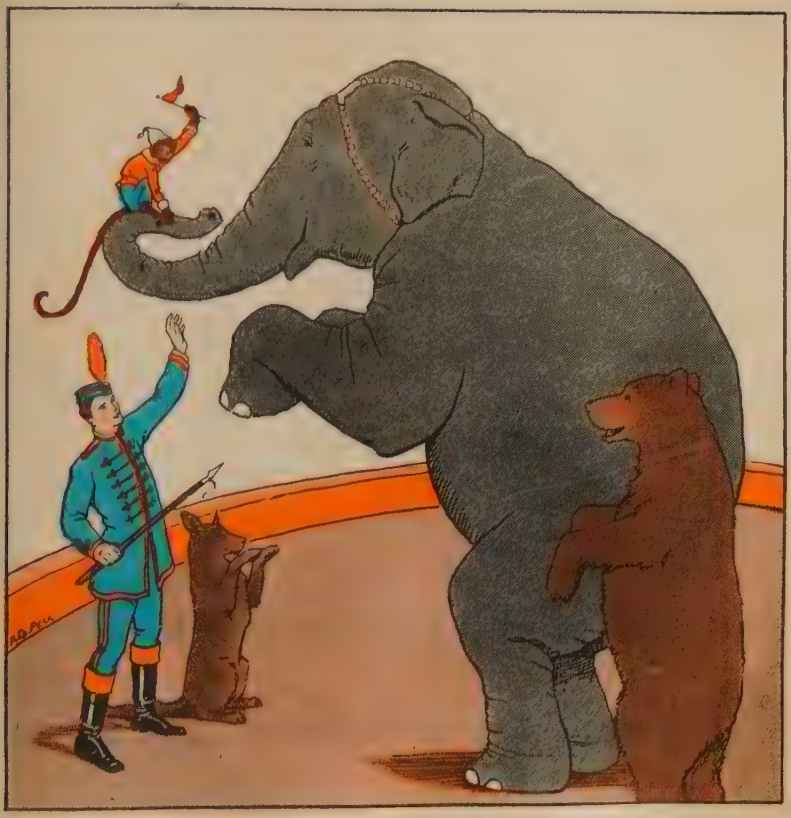
The Big Show

Have you been to a circus?
It is fun.

A clown stands
outside the big tent.
He says,
"Right this way!
The big show is about to begin!"

When we get inside the tent we see a big ring.

The animals march around the ring.



There are elephants, and bears, and dogs, and monkeys.

They can do tricks.

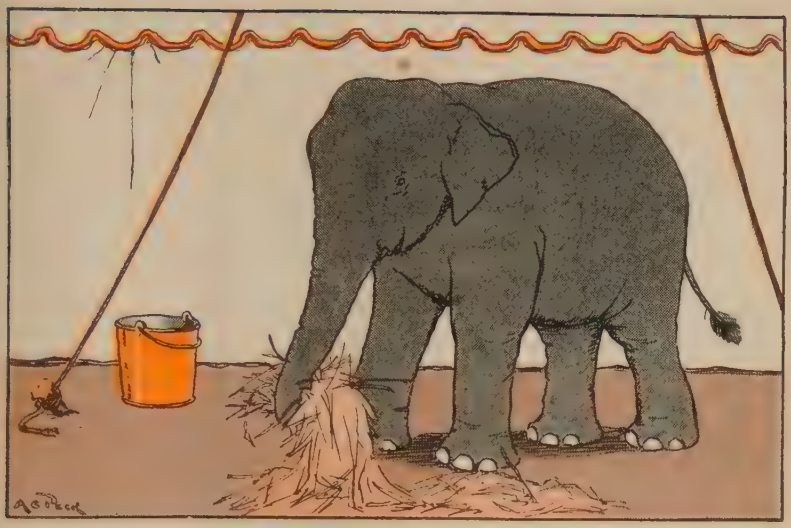
The monkeys are dressed like people.

They have red suits, and blue suits, and brown suits.

Sometimes the dogs in the circus are dressed up.

Here is a story of an elephant in a circus.

He wanted to be dressed up, too.



Baby Elephant and the Red Cap

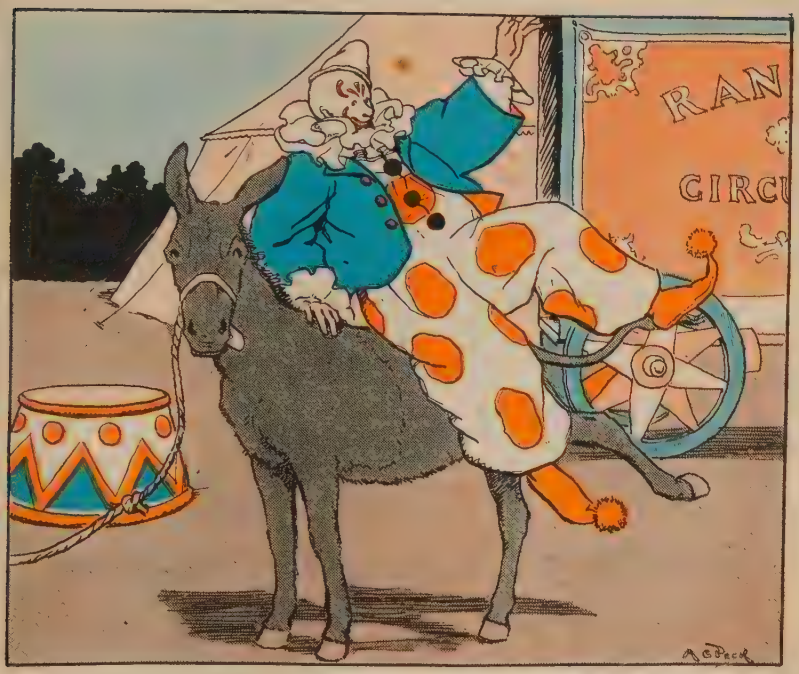
1. The Circus

Once there was an Elephant.
He was not a big Elephant.
He was a Baby Elephant.
The Baby Elephant lived
in a circus.

The Baby Elephant's father
and mother lived in the circus.

There were foxes, and birds,
and cats in the circus.
There were bears in the circus.

They had big, shining wagons
to ride in —
yellow wagons, orange wagons,
and blue wagons.
But not the elephants —
the elephants never rode
in the wagons.
They walked.
All the elephants walked.

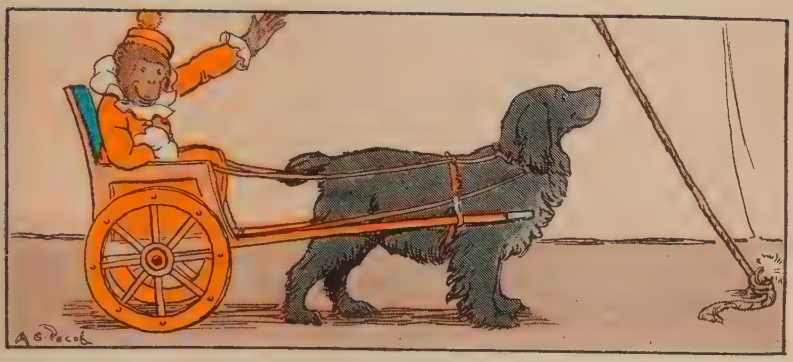


Then there was the Clown.
He was the fun of the circus.
He crawled under the wagons.
He jumped over the donkeys.
He rode on the elephants.

The Baby Elephant
liked the Clown,
and he liked
the little monkey, Jingo.
He said he loved Jingo,
but it was Jingo's red cap
he loved.

Every day the Baby Elephant said,
"I want a red cap!
I want a red cap!"

The Baby Elephant's mother said,
"What would a Baby Elephant do
with a little red cap
on that big head!"



Jingo had a little red wagon
to ride in.

Jingo had a little black dog
to pull his little red wagon.

Jingo sat up
in his little red wagon
with his little red cap
on his head.

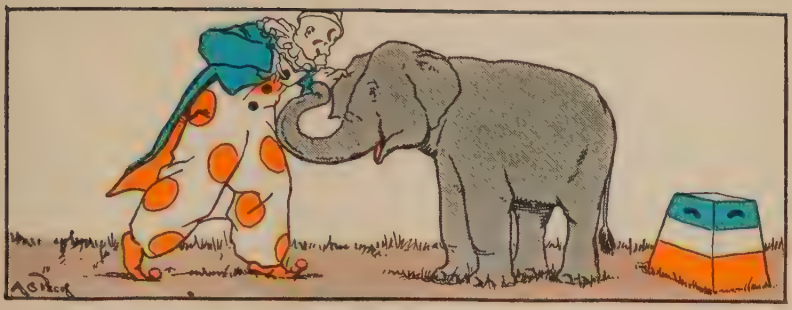
The Baby Elephant
said he looked fine.

2. The Clown's Blue Coat

One day the Clown
heard the Baby Elephant say,
"I want a red cap!
I want a red cap!"

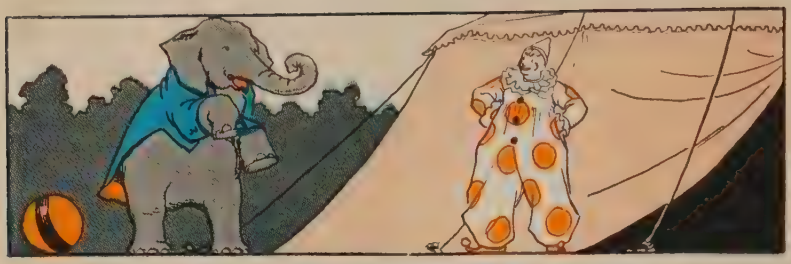
So the Clown went
to the little monkey, Jingo,
and said,
"Let the Baby Elephant wear
your red cap to-morrow."

But Jingo said,
"Never! This is my red cap.
I will not let the Baby Elephant
wear my red cap."



Then the Clown went
to the Baby Elephant and said,
"Jingo will not let you have
his red cap.
I will let you have
my blue coat, Baby Elephant."

The Baby Elephant said,
"Thank you!"
And he put on
the Clown's blue coat.



The Clown's blue coat
was very, very big for the Clown,
but it was very, very little
for the Baby Elephant.

But the Baby Elephant
looked fine!
All the elephants
said he looked fine.
The Clown said he looked fine.

But the Baby Elephant
went right on wanting a red cap.

3. Big Brown Bear's Walking Stick

One day the Big Brown Bear
heard the Baby Elephant say,
"I want a red cap!
I want a red cap!"

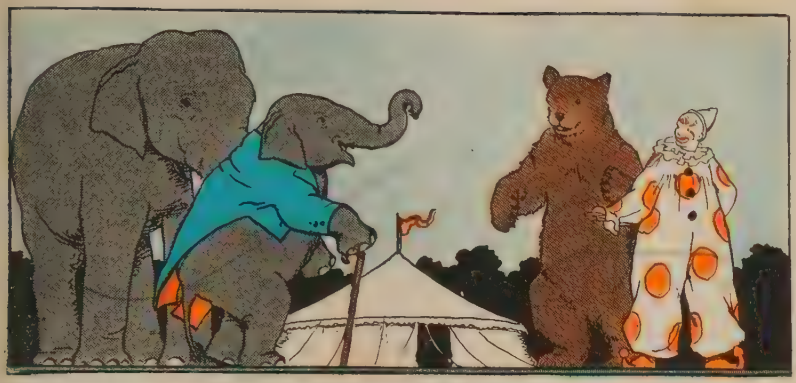
So the Big Brown Bear
went to the little monkey, Jingo,
and said,
"Let the Baby Elephant wear
your red cap to-morrow."

But Jingo said,
"Never!
This is my red cap.
I will not let the Baby Elephant
wear my red cap."

Then the Big Brown Bear
went to the Baby Elephant
and said,
"Jingo will not let you
have his red cap.
I will let you have
my walking stick, Baby Elephant."

The Baby Elephant said,
"Thank you!" and he took
the Big Brown Bear's walking stick.

Then the Baby Elephant
walked around the circus
with the Clown's blue coat
and the Big Brown Bear's
walking stick.



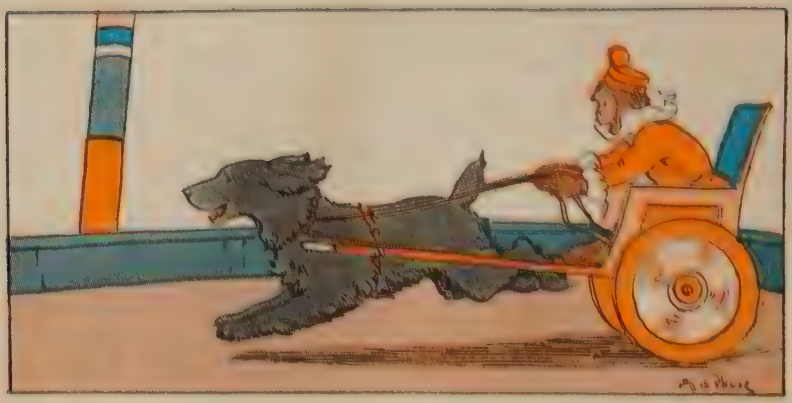
And the Baby Elephant
looked fine!

All the elephants
said he looked fine.

The Clown said he looked fine.

The Big Brown Bear
said he looked fine.

But the Baby Elephant
went right on wanting a red cap.

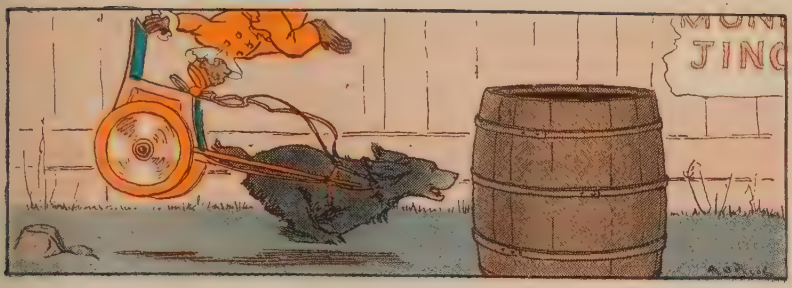


4. Jingo's Little Red Cap

Every day the little black dog pulled Jingo's little red wagon around the circus.

Jingo sat up in the little red wagon with his little red cap on his head.

One day the little black dog began to run like the wind.



The little red wagon flew
around the circus.
Out fell
the little monkey, Jingo.
But he did not fall
on the ground.
There was a big barrel of tar
standing near.
The little monkey, Jingo,
fell into the tar —
into tar as black as coal!

The coal black tar came up
on Jingo's feet.
The coal black tar came up
on Jingo's suit.
The coal black tar
came up to Jingo's neck.
But the little red cap
stayed on Jingo's head.

Then the Baby Elephant came by.
"Please, Baby Elephant,
pull me out of the tar,"
said the little monkey, Jingo.

But the Baby Elephant would not
pull him out of the tar.

"Please, Baby Elephant,"
said the little monkey, Jingo,
"if you will pull me out,
I will give you
my little red wagon."

But the Baby Elephant would not
pull him out of the tar.

"Please, Baby Elephant,"
said the little monkey, Jingo,
"if you will pull me out,
I will give you
my little red suit."

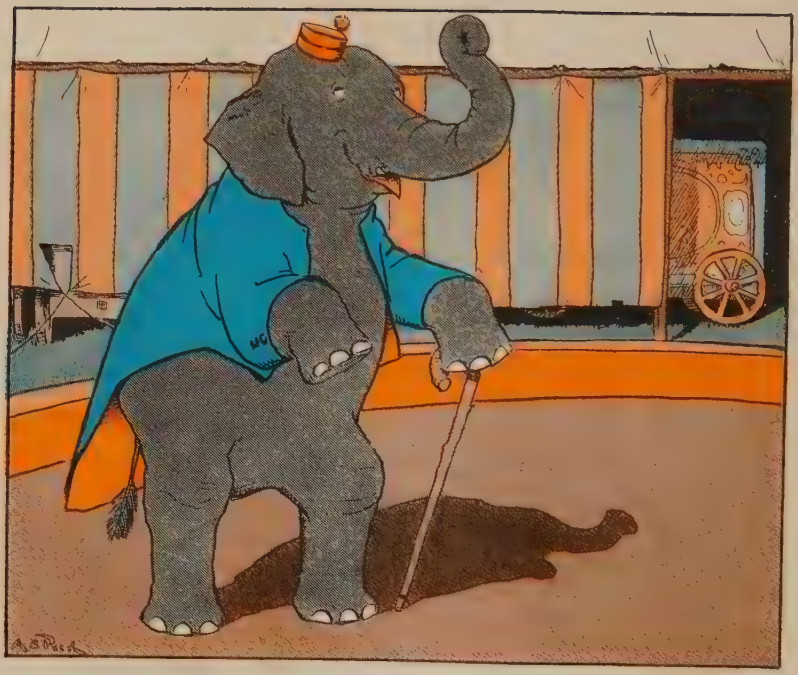
But the Baby Elephant would not
pull him out of the tar.

"Please, Baby Elephant,"
said the little monkey, Jingo,
"if you will pull me out,
I will give you my little red cap."

Then the Baby Elephant said,
"I will," and he began to pull.
The Baby Elephant
pulled and pulled.
He pulled
the little monkey, Jingo,
right out of the barrel of tar.

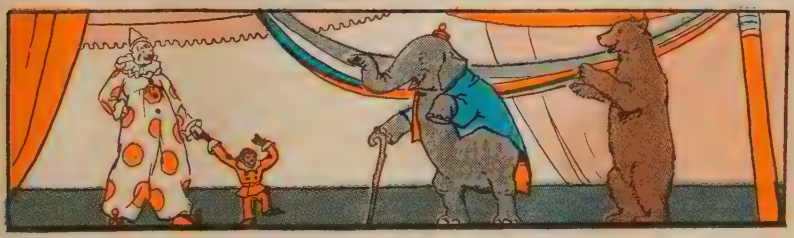
Then the little monkey,
Jingo, said,
"Thank you, Baby Elephant.
Here is my red cap
for you to wear."

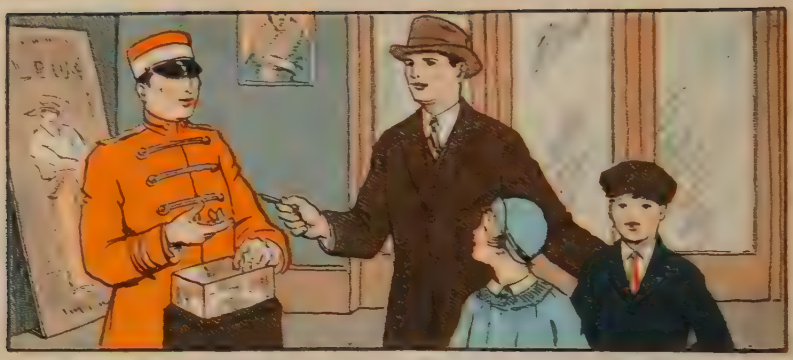
The Baby Elephant
put on the Clown's blue coat.



He took
the Big Brown Bear's walking stick.
He put the little red cap
on his head.
He walked around the circus.

And the Baby Elephant
looked fine!
All the elephants
said he looked fine.
The Clown said he looked fine.
The Big Brown Bear
said he looked fine.
The little monkey, Jingo,
said he looked fine.
And the Baby Elephant
said himself
that he looked fine!



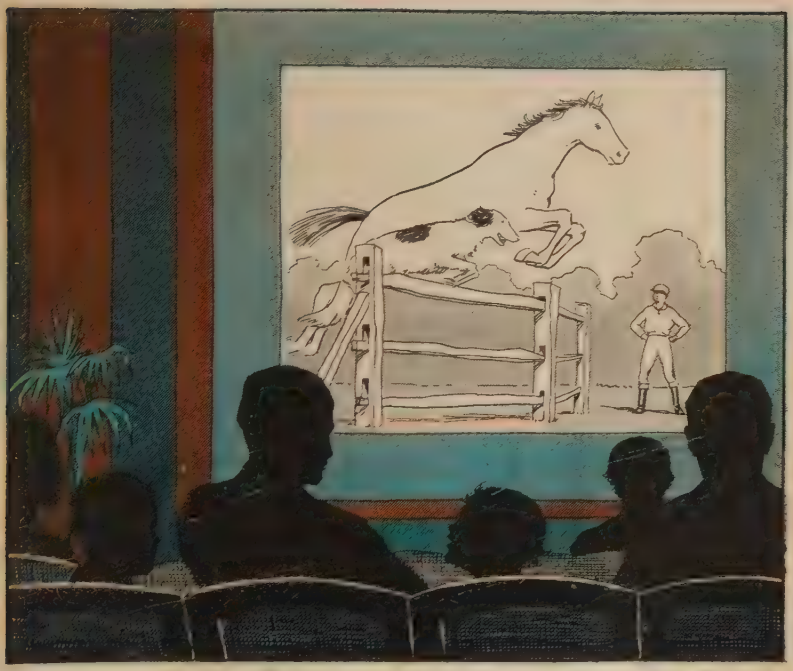


Making a Moving Picture

Do you like to go
to moving pictures?

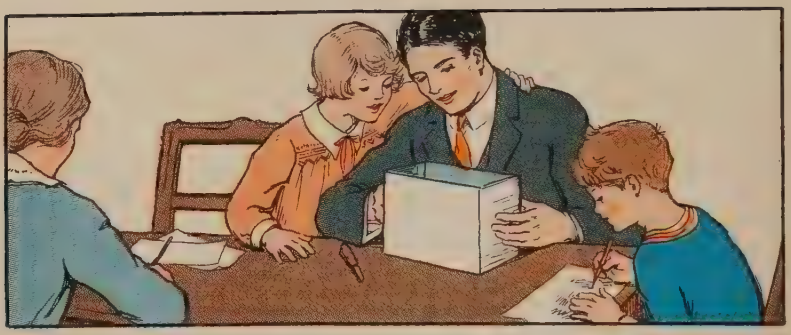
Peter and Peggy liked to go
to the moving pictures
near their home.

Father went with them sometimes.
Mother went with them sometimes.
Once Baby Bob went with them.



They liked pictures of horses, and dogs, and goats, and elephants, and bears.

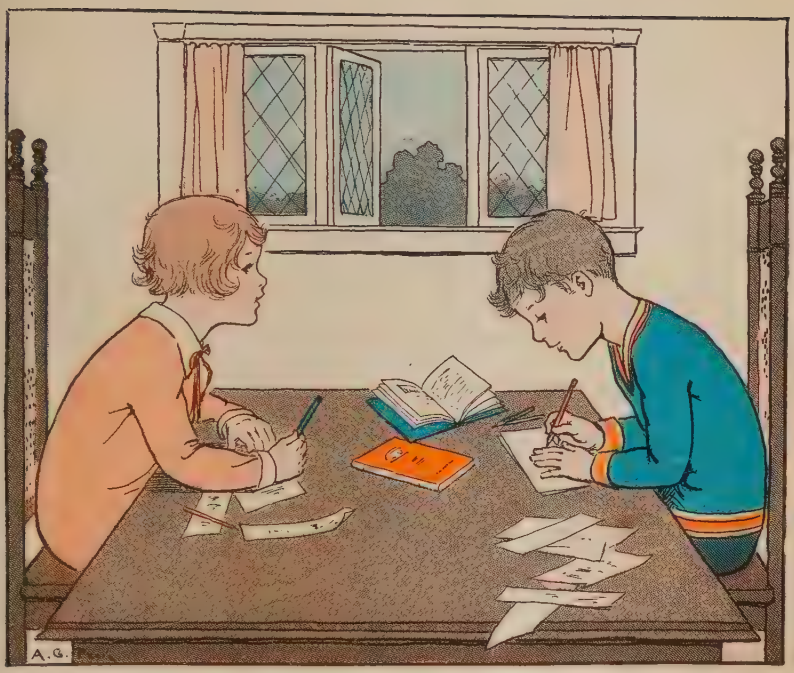
They liked pictures of rabbits and squirrels, too.



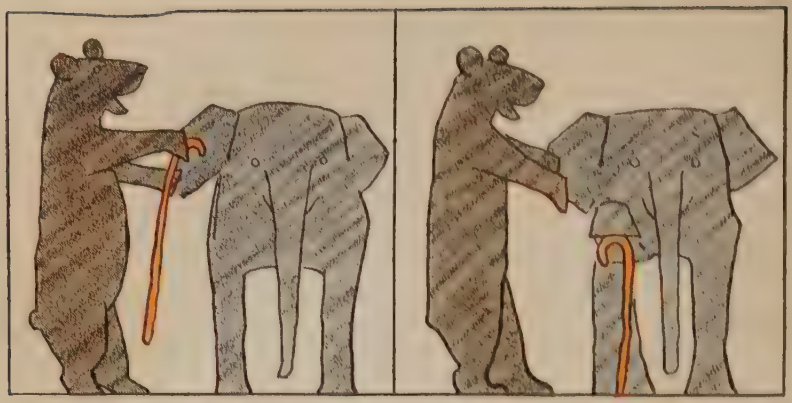
One day Father said,
"Let us make a moving picture at home."

They took a box.
They made their pictures with crayons.
They pulled their pictures across the open end of the box.

Can you make a moving picture?



Peter and Peggy
made moving pictures of stories.
They made a moving picture
of "Baby Elephant
and the Red Cap."



Here are two of Peggy's pictures.
She made them
for the moving picture
of "Baby Elephant
and the Red Cap."

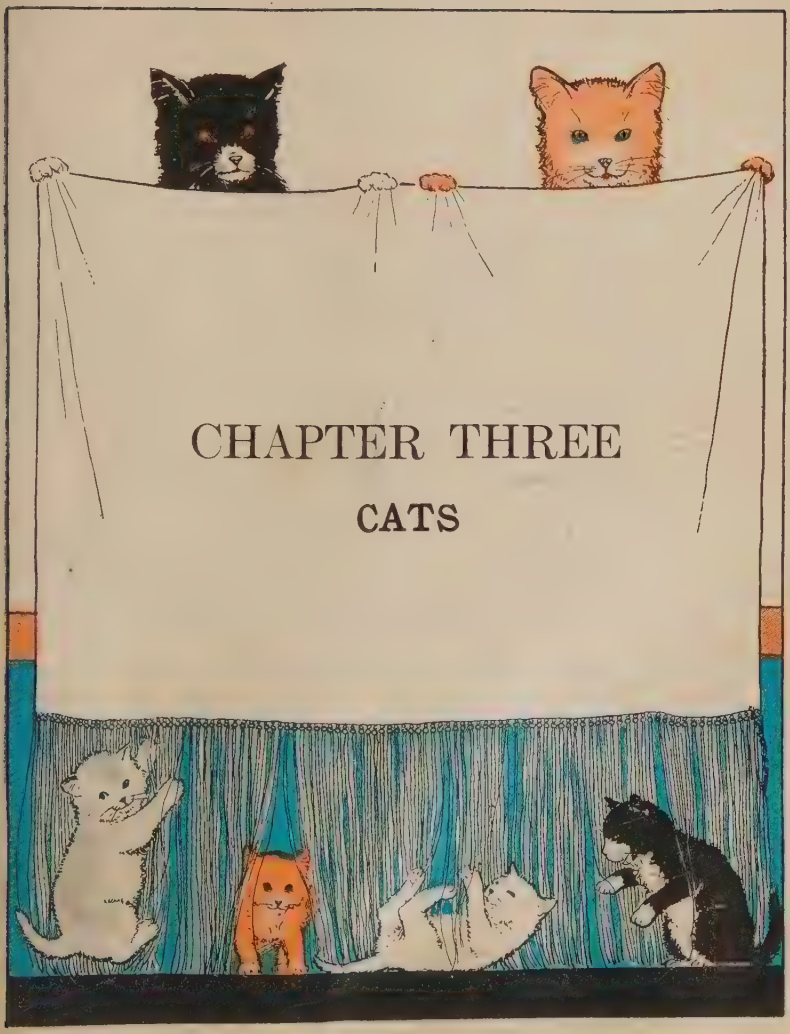
Can you find the part
of the story that goes
with Peggy's pictures?
Read it to the other children.

Here are two of Peter's pictures.
He made them
for the moving picture
of "Baby Elephant
and the Red Cap."

Can you find the part
of the story that goes
with Peter's picture?
Read it to the other children.

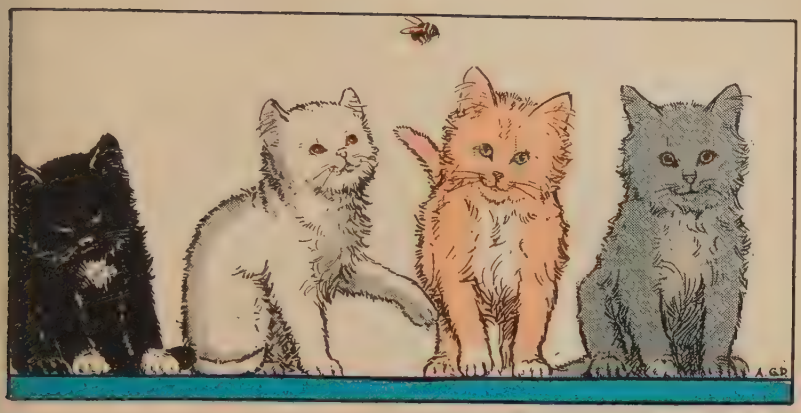
Yes or No?

1. An elephant is a big animal.
2. Jingo was an elephant.
3. The monkey fell into a barrel of tar.
4. The elephants rode in wagons.
5. The Clown had a red cap.
6. Jingo had a little red wagon.
7. Big Brown Bear had a blue coat.
8. A little black dog pulled the little red wagon.
9. The Baby Elephant put the red cap on his head.
10. The Baby Elephant looked fine.



CHAPTER THREE

CATS



Kittens

A kitten with a black nose
  Will sleep all the day;
A kitten with a white nose
  Is always glad to play;
A kitten with a yellow nose
  Will come when you call;
But a kitten with a gray nose
  I like best of all.

Topsy Stays a Kitten

1. Topsy and Mother Jane

Topsy was a little yellow kitten.

He was a good little kitten, but he did not like to have his face washed.

Always and always
when his Mother Jane
wanted to wash his face,
always and always
he would run away to play.

One day his Mother Jane
caught him with her four paws.
Then she washed him.
She washed him this way
and that way.
She washed his ears.
She licked him up and down
until his fur stood out
all over him.

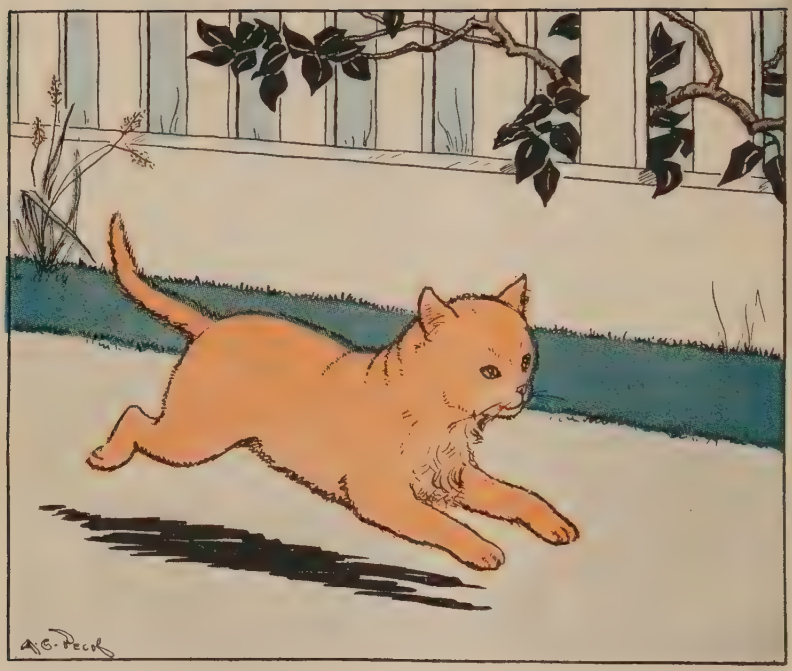
Topsy did not like it at all.

"Mew-mew! Mother Jane,"
said Topsy,
"I do not want to be washed.
You have washed me
three, four, six times
this morning.
I don't want to be washed again.
Mew-mew-mew!"

Then Mother Jane said,
licking his yellow fur,
"Topsy, you have to be washed.
You are a kitten,
and kittens have to be clean.
All kittens are clean,
and to be clean
you have to be washed."

"Then, I will not be a kitten,"
Topsy said.
"If kittens have to be washed,
I will not be a kitten!"

And he jumped
out of Mother Jane's paws
and ran away.



2. Topsy and the Rabbits

Topsy ran out of the gate.
He ran down the street,
He ran until he came
to the big woods.

His Mother Jane
had said to him many times,
"Topsy, do not go
into the big woods!"
But into the big woods he ran.

"I will not be a kitten,"
said Topsy.
"I will not be a kitten,
but what shall I be?"

First he came to the rabbits.
Mother Rabbit put her head
out of her hole.
"Hello, Topsy," she said,
"Where are you going,
running so fast?"

Topsy stopped.
"I do not know,"
he said,
"but I will not be a kitten.
I want to be something else."

"Why not be a rabbit?"
called out all the rabbits.
"Come and live with us
and be a rabbit."

"I will," said Topsy,
and down he went
into the rabbit hole
to live with the rabbits.

But the baby rabbits
laughed at Topsy's long tail
and little ears.
"Who ever saw a rabbit
with a long, long tail
and little, little ears?"
they said.

Topsy did not like this at all.
And he did not like
the carrots and leaves
the rabbits had to eat.
Mother Rabbit
was like Mother Jane.

She said, "Eat your dinner,"
and Topsy had to eat
the carrots and the leaves.

"At home," said Topsy,
"I have milk and meat
and cake to eat."
But the rabbits only laughed
and said, "What is cake?"

So one day Topsy
went to Mother Rabbit and said,
"I cannot be a rabbit.
My ears are too little
and my tail is too long.
I cannot be a rabbit.
I will be something else."

"All right, Topsy,"
said Mother Rabbit.
"Good-by. Come to see us
again some time."

3. Topsy and the Squirrels

Topsy ran on in the woods.

He came to the squirrels' home.

Mother Squirrel looked down from her high tree.

"Hello, Topsy," she said. "Where are you going, running so fast?"

Topsy stopped.
"I do not know," he said,
"but I will not be a kitten,
and I will not be a rabbit.
I want to be something else."

"Why not be a squirrel?"
called out all the squirrels.
"Come and live with us
in a high tree
and be a squirrel."

"I will," said Topsy.
So up he went
into the high tree
to live with the squirrels.

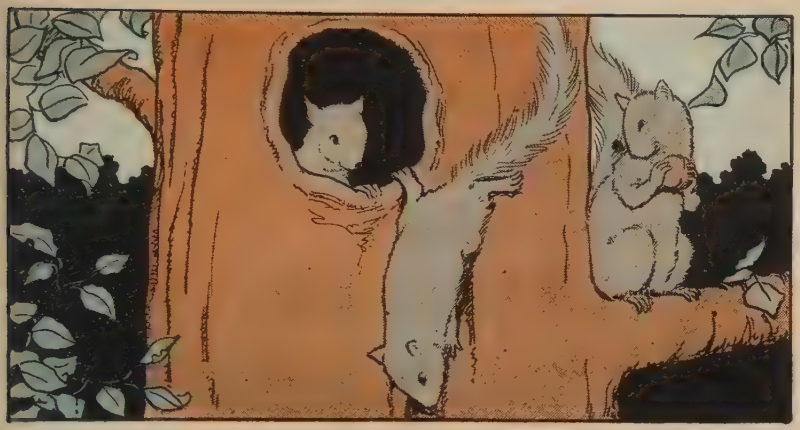
All day Topsy played
with the baby squirrels
in the high tree.

At night the baby squirrels
went to sleep in a hole
in the tree.

Topsy went to sleep with them.

Soon the leaves
on the tree grew yellow.
The nuts fell
on the ground.

Then Mother Squirrel said,
"Squirrels, you have played
all summer.
Now it is time to work.
Winter is coming.
You must find the nuts
on the ground and hide them
in the hole in the tree.
You must hide many, many nuts
to eat when the ground
is white with snow."



She made all the baby squirrels find nuts and put them in the hole in the tree.

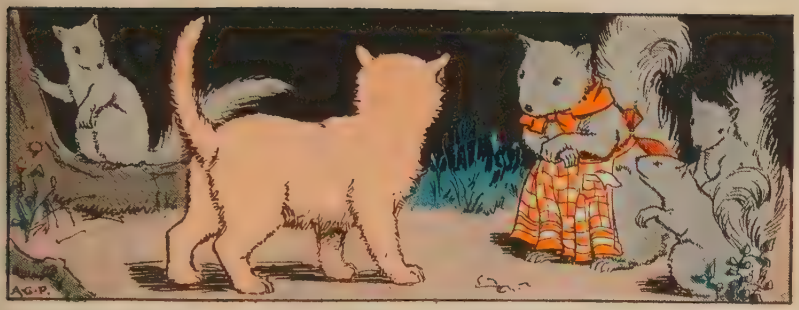
She made Topsy find nuts, too, for he was a squirrel now.

Topsy did not want to work. He wanted to play with the nuts.

Mother Squirrel did not like this.

She said, "All right, Topsy,"
"you can play now,
but what will you do
when winter comes?
We will live in our hole
in the tree.
We will eat our nuts.
You will have nothing to eat."

"Nothing to eat!" said Topsy.
"Live in a hole in a tree
all winter!
At home I lie on a rug
by the fire in winter.
I have breakfast and dinner
and do not work at all."



So one day Topsy
went to Mother Squirrel and said,
"I cannot be a squirrel.
I cannot live in a hole in a tree
all winter.
I will be something else."

"All right, Topsy,"
said Mother Squirrel.
"Good-by. Come to see us
again some time."

4. Topsy and the Beavers

Topsy ran on in the big woods.

He came to the water where the beavers lived.

Mother Beaver looked up from the water.

"Hello, Topsy," she said. "Where are you going, running so fast?"

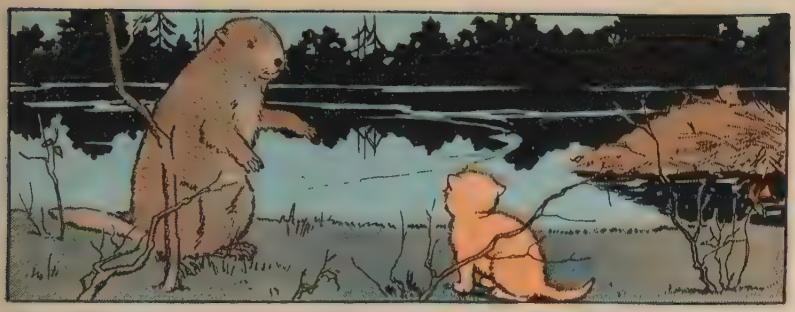
Topsy stopped.

"I do not know," he said,
"but I will not be a kitten.
I will not be a rabbit.
I will not be a squirrel.
I want to be something else."

"Why not be a beaver?"
called out all the beavers.
"Come and live with us
and be a beaver."

"I will," said Topsy.
"I will be a beaver."
Down he lay on the ground
by the water.

All day Topsy lay
on the ground in the sun.
But the beavers were at work.
They cut down trees to make
a beaver house in the water.



Mother Beaver said to Topsy,
"If you are a beaver,
you must do as the beavers do.
All beavers have to work.
Come and help us
make this house."

Topsy had to work hard.
He had to stand in the water
and work on the beaver house.
His paws got cold.

So one day Topsy went
to Mother Beaver and said,
"I cannot be a beaver.
I cannot live
in a house in the water.
I will not be a rabbit.
I will not be a squirrel.
I will not be a beaver.
I am a kitten,
and I will stay a kitten.
I am going home to Mother Jane."

"All right, Topsy,"
said Mother Beaver.
"Good-by. Come to see us again
some time."

5. Home Again

Topsy ran out of the big woods.
He ran up the street.
He ran in at the gate.
He ran into the house.

There lay Mother Jane
on a rug by the fire.
My! She was glad to see Topsy.
He had a cup of milk
and lay by the fire, too.

Then Mother Jane caught Topsy
with her four paws.
She washed him this way
and that way.
She washed his ears.
She licked him up and down
until his fur stood out
all over him.
And Topsy liked it.
He did not run away.

"I am a kitten," he said,
"and kittens have to be clean.
All kittens are clean,
and to be clean
you have to be washed."

Always and always
he let Mother Jane wash his face.
Until he was a big kitten
he let Mother Jane wash his face.

"I am glad," he said,
"that I am a kitten,
and not a rabbit,
or a squirrel, or a beaver."

Stories and Pictures

Find a picture on the next page for each of these little stories.

Tell the letter that is on the picture.

1. Topsy ran away from home.
   He ran into the big woods.

2. Topsy said,
"I do not like a rabbit's dinner."

3. Topsy said,
"I can not live in a hole
with the squirrels all winter."

4. Topsy said,
"I can not make a beaver house."

A
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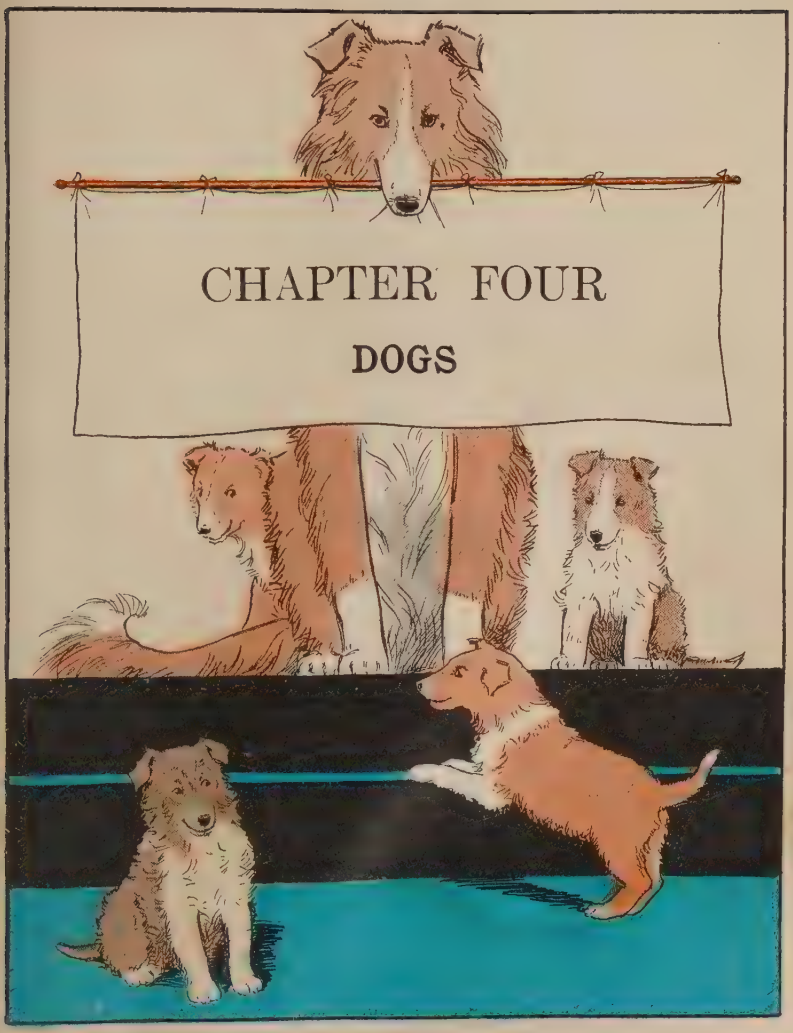
How to Take Care of a Cat

Let your cat play
in the grass.
Put a little bell on her neck.
The little bell will ring.
Then the birds
will hear her coming
and fly away.
A cat will catch birds
if she can.

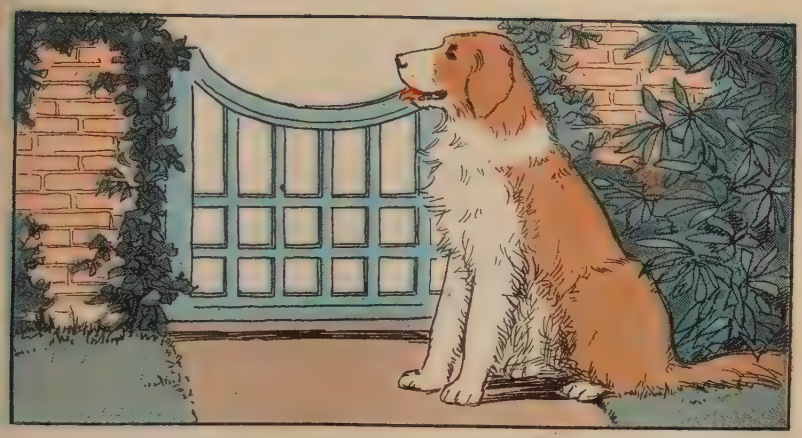
Give your cat milk to drink.
She likes meat and fish to eat.

Always have clean water
where your cat can find it.



CHAPTER FOUR

DOGS



Do You Like Dogs?

Here is a dog as big as a boy.
Every day he sits by the gate
until his master comes home
from school.

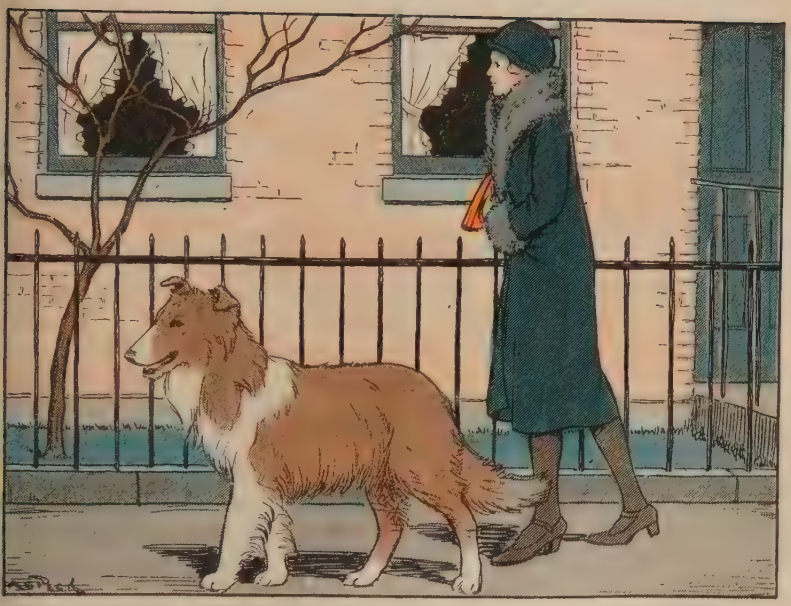
Do you like dogs?
Do you like great big dogs
or wee little puppies?

Here is a basket of puppies.

They are a little girl's puppies.

She has a name for every one of them.

If the puppies were yours, what would you name them?



Don, a Collie Dog

1. Don and His Mistress

Don was a big brown
and white collie dog.
He walked proudly
down the street with his mistress.

When his mistress bought things in the stores,
Don took the packages for her.

She put the string in his mouth and he took the packages home.

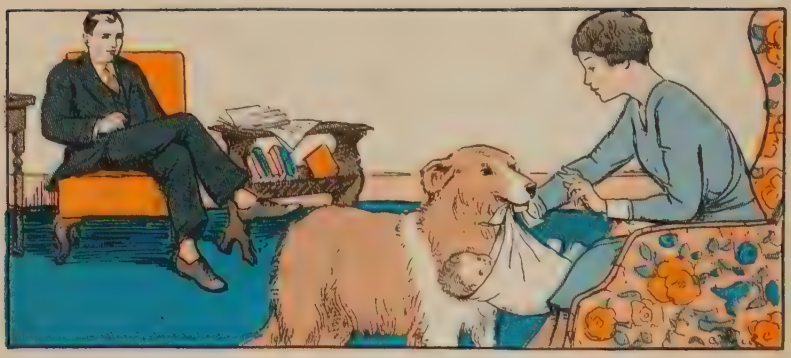
Then his master said,
"Good dog, Don!"

2. Don and the Baby

Don loved his master
and mistress.
But when a baby came to live
in their house,
Don did not like that at all.

"Don," said his mistress,
"come and see the baby."

But Don would not.
He would not go near the baby.
When the mistress took the baby
in her arms,
Don sat by the door
and cried and cried.



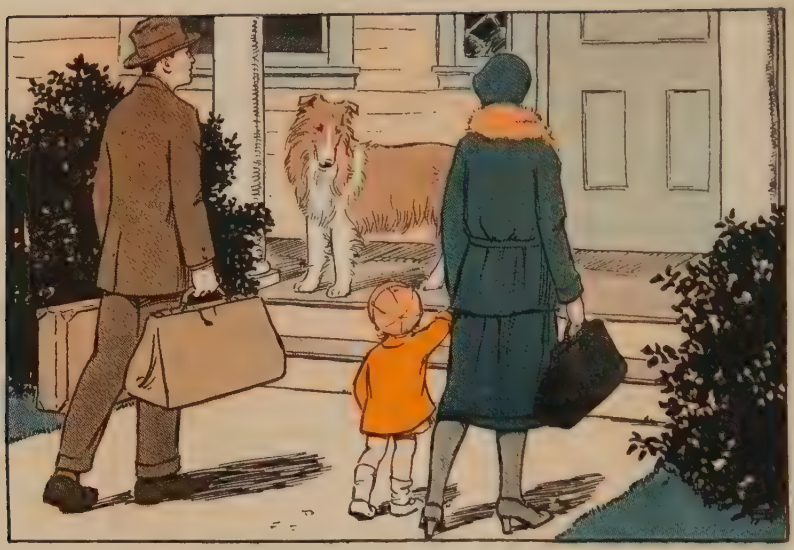
The master and mistress said,
"What can we do
to make Don like the baby?"

One day the mistress
tied the baby in a towel.
Then she called Don
and put the towel in his mouth.
"Take the baby to your master,
Don," she said.

Don took the towel in his mouth
and brought the baby to his master.
He wagged his tail proudly.
"Good dog, Don,"
said the master.

After that Don played
with the baby.
Every day when the baby
went for a ride,
Don went, too.

The baby grew and grew
until she could walk.
Sometimes the master put her
on Don's back for a ride.



3. Don Goes to the Country

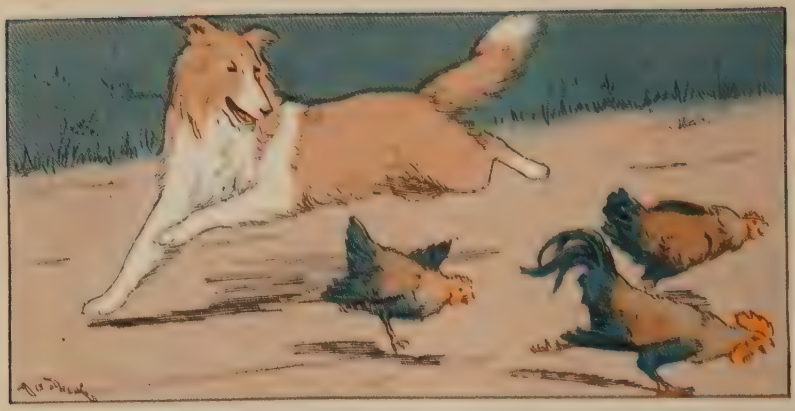
When summer came,
Don, and the baby,
and the master, and the mistress
went to live in the country.

Around their house in the country
were trees and green grass.

Don liked the country.
He liked it all but the chickens.
Don hated the chickens.
His mistress had a garden,
Don had to keep the chickens
out of her garden.

When Don was not looking,
the hens and roosters
and little chickens would come
into his mistress's garden.
Don would bark,
and away they would run.

"Silly chickens," said Don,
"to come
into my mistress's garden!"



A road ran before the house.
All day the automobiles came by.
The chickens ran into the road.
Don barked at them,
but back they went into the road.

One day an automobile
ran over a black hen in the road.
"Silly chicken," said Don,
"to go into the road!"

4. Don Saves the Baby

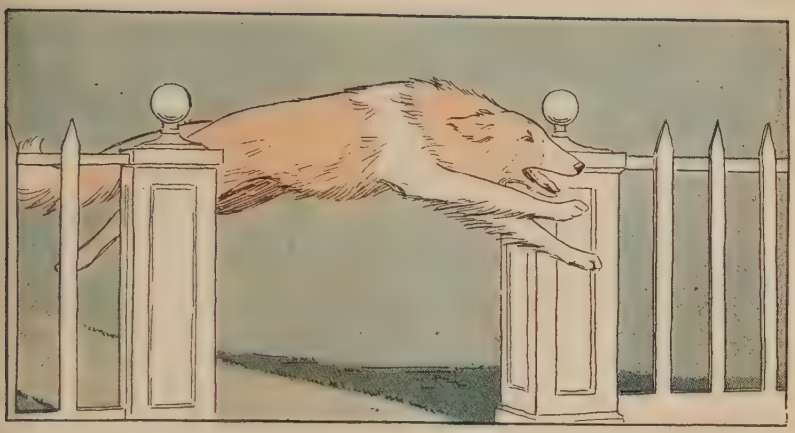
One day the mistress
put the baby under a big tree
by the gate.

"Don," she said,
"take care of the baby."

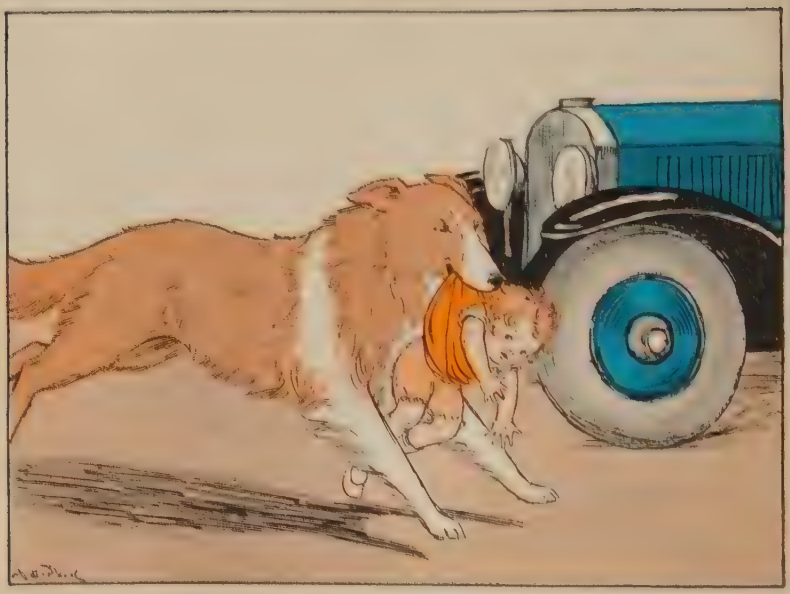
Don and the baby played
under the big tree.
Soon Don heard
some hens and roosters
in his mistress's garden.

"There are the silly chickens
again," he said.
Away he ran to get them out.
He had to bark many times
before they would go.

When Don came back
to the big tree,
the baby was gone.
He looked and saw
that the gate was open.



In the road he saw the baby.
He saw a big automobile
coming down the road.
It came nearer and nearer.
The baby stood in the road
and laughed.
With one jump,
Don went through the gate
and into the road.



On came the automobile.

With a great bark Don took the baby's dress in his mouth.

As the automobile came by, he lifted the baby to safety.

The master and mistress
heard his bark,
and came running.
They found the baby safe,
but the automobile
had broken Don's leg.

Until the leg was well,
Don had all the love and care
any dog could want.
All his life
Don had all the love and care
any dog could want.

"Good dog, Don,"
said his master.

Which Is Right?

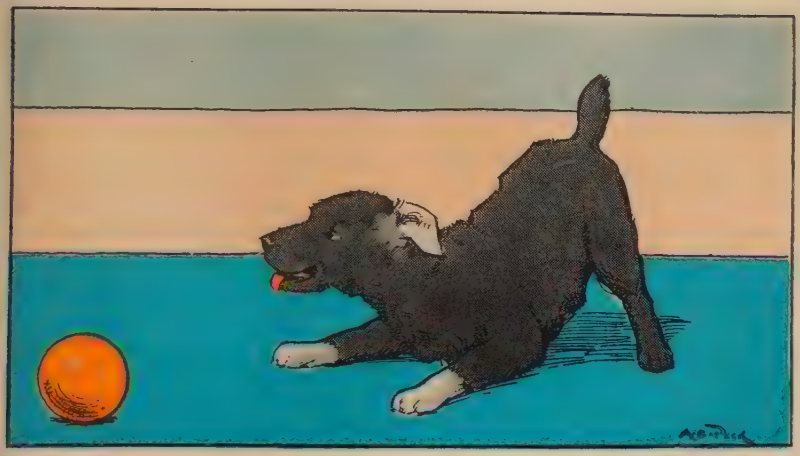
Don was a big clown.
Don was a big collie.

Don took care of the garden.
Don took cake to the goat.

Don hated the hens.
Don washed the horses.

Don found the rabbits.
Don hated the roosters.

Don lifted the baby
by her dress.
Don laughed
at the hen's nest.



Tykey, a Greedy Puppy

1. Tykey's Dinner

Tykey was
a black and white puppy.
He would have been
a black puppy
but for two white feet
and one white ear.

Tykey was a very greedy puppy.
In the morning
Tykey wanted things to eat.
At night
he wanted things to eat.
All the time
he wanted things to eat.

The thing Tykey
wanted most to eat
was beefsteak —
good, red beefsteak.
Tykey's master
cut up some good, red beefsteak
for him, and gave it to him
on his little tin plate.

It was very good as far as it went, but it did not go very far.

Tykey wanted enough beefsteak to go from the end of his nose to the end of his tail.

2. His Master's Dinner

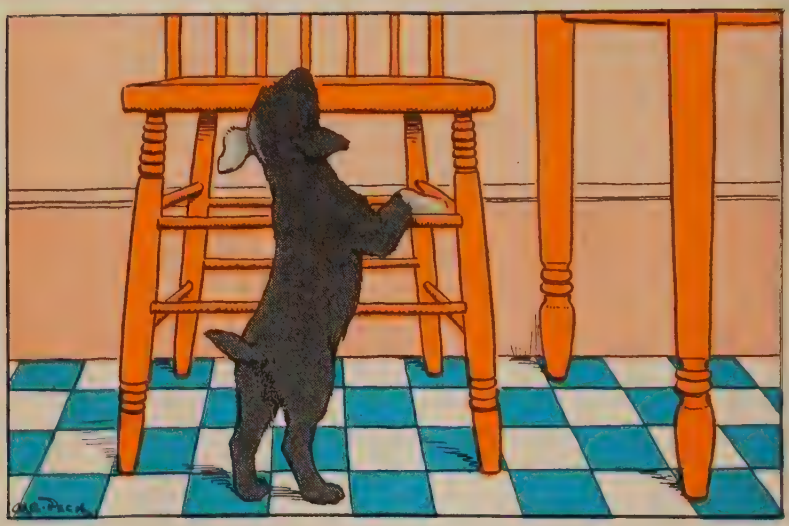
One day Tykey
had licked his little tin plate
until he could see
his eyes and nose in it.

When Tykey could see
his eyes and nose
in the little tin plate,
the beefsteak was gone.

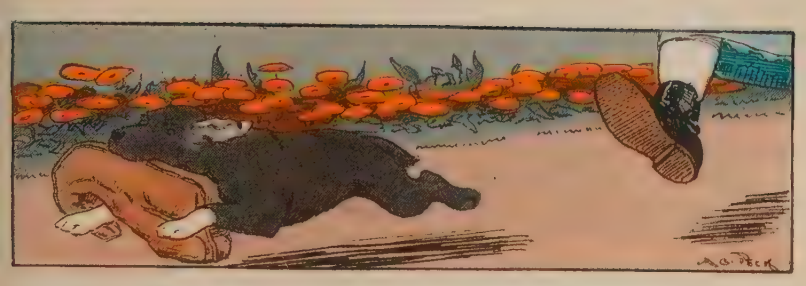
Tykey's beefsteak was gone,
but he said,
"I smell beefsteak!"
He looked and looked
and looked.

That smell could not come
from Tykey's tin plate.
Tykey's beefsteak was gone.
He smelled and smelled
and smelled.

That smell came
from the kitchen table.
Tykey saw on the table
a big, red beefsteak.



"Goody!" he said.
"There is good, red beefsteak.
It will fill me up
from the end of my nose
to the end of my tail."
Tykey jumped on a chair
to get the big, red beefsteak.

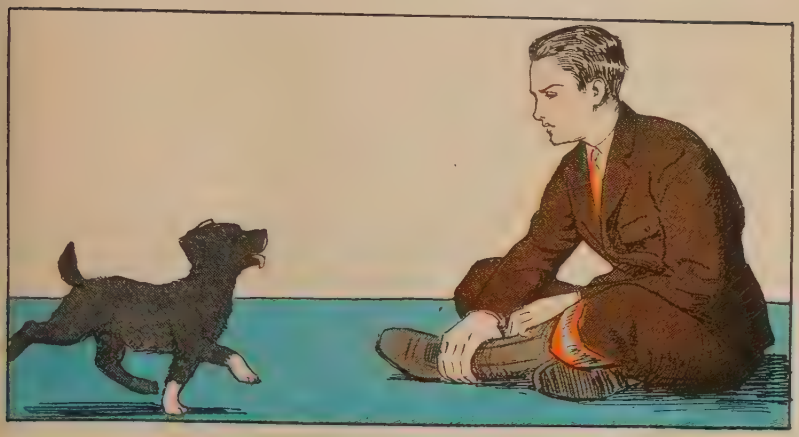


As he took the beefsteak
from the table,
the cook came running.
Away went Tykey.
On came the cook.

Tykey had to run
under the barn and hide.
There he ate the big, red beefsteak.
It filled him up
from the end of his nose
to the end of his tail.

3. Tykey and His Master

Tykey said,
"I will stay under the barn
a long, long time.
I will not come out until night."
All day he stayed under the barn.
That night he came out
wagging his tail.

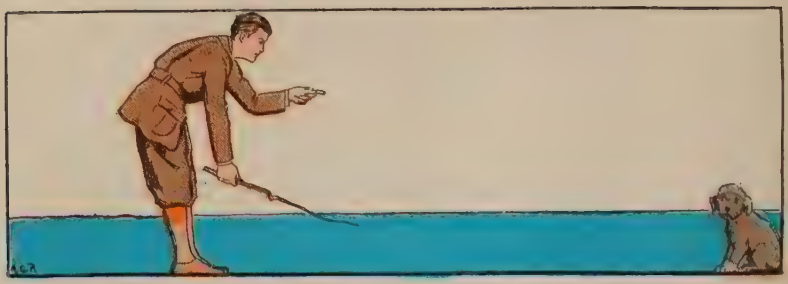


Tykey went to his master
wagging his tail.

He went to the cook
wagging his tail.

Then Tykey found out
that staying under the barn
did no good.

He found out
that wagging his tail did no good.



His master said,
"Tykey, you are a greedy puppy.
You had your dinner and ate it.
You ate my dinner, too.
There is only one thing to do
to a greedy puppy like you."
And his master did it.

After that Tykey
only ate good red beefsteak
when it was on his little tin plate.

How to Take Care of a Dog

Do not let your dog play
in the street.

Give your dog meat to eat
only once a day.

Keep clean water
where your dog can find it.

Give your dog a warm place
to sleep in winter.

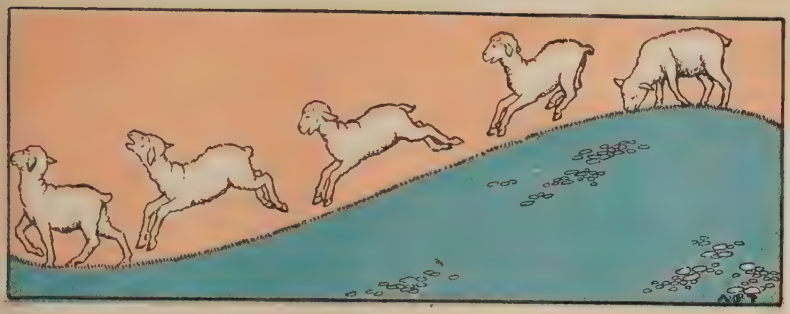
Keep your dog clean,
but do not let him take cold
after you have washed him.

Two Dogs

I am a brown and white collie.
I take packages for my mistress.
I like the country.
I keep chickens out of the garden.
I watch the baby.
I saved the baby's life.
What is my name?

I am a black and white puppy.
I have one white ear.
I eat from a little tin plate.
I was very greedy.
I took my master's beefsteak.
I will not do it again.
What is my name?

CHAPTER FIVE
SPRING



The Clouds

White sheep, white sheep,
On a blue hill,
When the wind stops,
You all stand still.

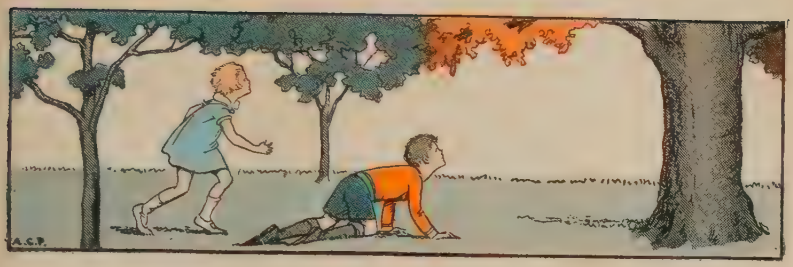
When the wind blows,
You all go away.
White sheep, white sheep,
Why don't you stay?

A Bluebird

Spring was coming,
and Peter and Peggy were glad.

The warm sun melted the snow.
The wind blew all day long.
It took Peter's kite
high above the trees.
It took Peggy's hat from her head
and blew it down the street.

One morning Peter and Peggy
heard a bird singing
at the window.
"It is a bluebird!" they cried.
"Spring is here."



The Robins' Nest

One morning Mother said,
"The robins have come back
to the cherry tree!"
Peter and Peggy
ran out into the back yard.
When they came
near the cherry tree,
they crept up softly.
But the two robins heard them
and flew away.

Mother told Peter and Peggy
to go upstairs and watch
from a window.

Father Robin and Mother Robin
came back.

All morning Peter and Peggy
stood at the window
and watched them.

First Mother Robin
brought some mud in her bill.
Then Father Robin
brought some mud in his bill.
They began to make a nest
in the cherry tree.
Mud was not all they used
to make the nest.
They took soft grass,
wet with morning dew.
This helped
to hold the mud together.

Mother Robin got inside the nest
and pushed the wet, soft mud.
She turned around and around
in the nest.
Some of the mud
got on her feathers,
but she did not care.
As soon as it was dry,
she shook it off
and was clean again.

Then Father Robin put soft grass
inside the nest
Every day Peter and Peggy
looked out of the upstairs window
to see the robins.

Then one day Mother Robin laid a blue egg in the nest.

The next day she laid another.

When she had four blue eggs, she began to stay on the nest to keep the eggs warm.

If Mother Robin went away, Father Robin took her place.

They would not let the eggs get cold.
Then the baby robins
inside the shells
could not have grown.

After the eggs
had been kept warm for two weeks,
the little birds broke the shells.
The next thing they did
was to open their mouths
for something to eat.

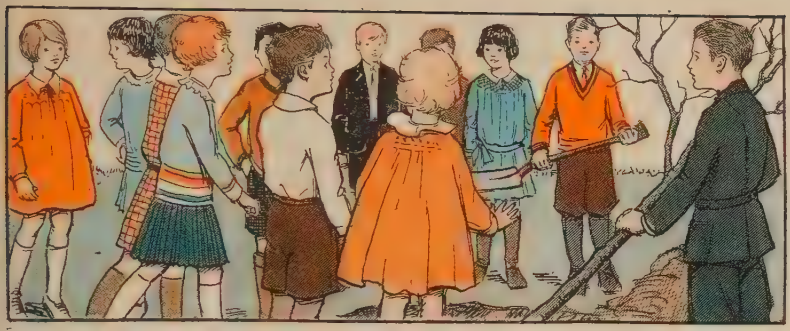
Mother Robin and Father Robin
had to work hard
to get enough worms
for those greedy babies.

One morning Peter and Peggy
saw Mother and Father Robin
showing the little birds
how to fly.

Soon the little birds grew big
and flew away from the cherry tree.
But Mother and Father Robin
stayed in the back yard
all summer.

Yes or No?

Is it spring
when birds make nests?
when the ground is white
with snow?
when the bluebird comes?
when boys play with kites?
when children make a snow man?
when snowflakes fall
on the trees?
when baby robins are hatched?
when red and yellow leaves
fall from the trees?
when robins come back?
when squirrels hide nuts?



Planting a Tree

At school the children
were getting ready to plant a tree.

"Trees are our best friends,"
said a boy.
"We could not live without trees."

One warm spring day
all the children of the school
came out to plant the tree.

The ground had been spaded.

The children put the little tree in the ground.

They danced around it.

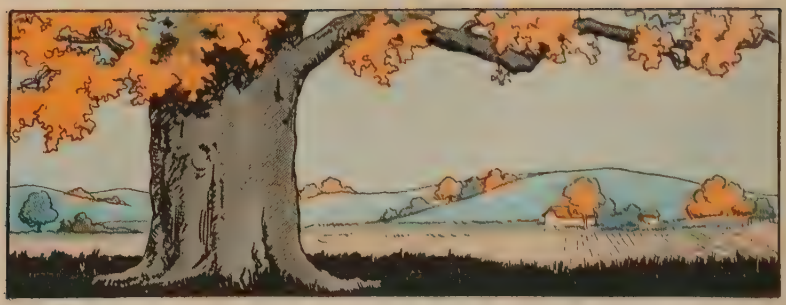
Peter liked to think that when he grew to be an old man he could stand in the shade of the tree they had planted.

Trees

Were you ever in a big forest?

The trees in a forest
are like children in school.
Some are big and some are little.
They hold out their arms
as children do.
They breathe and eat and drink
as children do.
They grow as children do.

But many of the trees in a forest
are very, very old.
People can never be as old
as trees sometimes are.



How many trees do you know?

Do you know the oak?
It grows to be a very big tree.
In the spring the leaves
of the oak are green,
and in the fall they are red.
When the days grow cold
and the snow comes,
the leaves of the oak drop
to the ground.

There is a tree that keeps
its green leaves all winter.

It is the pine tree.

In a forest the great pine trees
hold their heads
far above the other trees.

When the days grow warm,
birds come to make nests
in the trees.

Yes or No?

1. Chairs are made from trees.
2. Oranges grow on pine trees.
3. Birds make nests in trees.
4. Trees can walk and run.
5. Nuts grow on trees.
6. Trees make shade.
7. Trees can fly.
8. The pine tree keeps its leaves all winter.
9. The oak tree has green leaves in winter.
10. Trees sometimes live to be very old.
11. Chickens live in trees.

The Monkey Keeps His Tail

1. The Monkey and the Rabbit

Once there was a monkey.
He lived in a big forest.
All day he played in the trees.

He would climb to the top
of a high tree,
put his tail around a limb,
swing out, and jump
into the next high tree.

No other animal in the forest
could climb like the monkey.

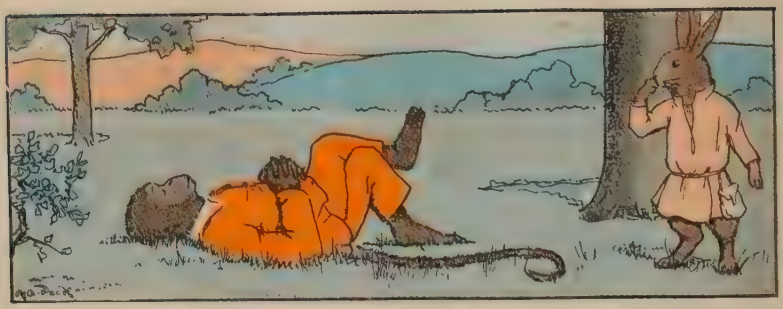
But the monkey would not stay
in the trees.
Sometimes he came down
on the ground.
And every time he came down
he played a trick on somebody.

Most of the time,
it was the Rabbit
the Monkey played tricks on.

The Rabbit said,
"Some day I will play a trick
on that monkey."

2. The Rabbit's Trick

One warm spring day
the Monkey wanted a drink of water.
He climbed down from a tree
and went to the river.
He had a long, cool drink.



Then the Monkey said,
"I am going to lie down and sleep on this nice green grass."

Down he lay on the green grass and went to sleep.

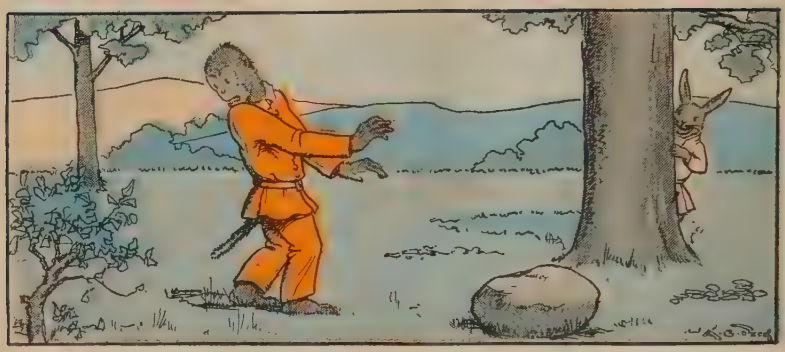
The Rabbit came by.
"Now," he said,
"I'll get that monkey!"

The Rabbit called his friend, the Horse.

The Horse helped the Rabbit
roll a big stone
upon the Monkey's tail.

The Monkey woke up
and found his tail under the stone.
He tried to pull it out.
He pulled and pulled.
He pulled so hard
that his tail broke off.

The Cat came by.
The Cat at that time
had no tail of her own.
She saw the Monkey's tail
and ran away with it.



The Monkey heard
the Rabbit laughing behind a tree.
That did not help him any.

How was he to live
without his tail?
How could he climb
without his tail?
He had to have it back.

So he went to find the Cat.

3. The Monkey and the Cat

At last the Monkey found the Cat.
He found the cat at home.
He said to her,
"Oh, kind Cat,
please give me back my tail."

"I will give it to you,"
said the Cat,
"if you will get me some milk."

"Where shall I get the milk?"
said the Monkey.

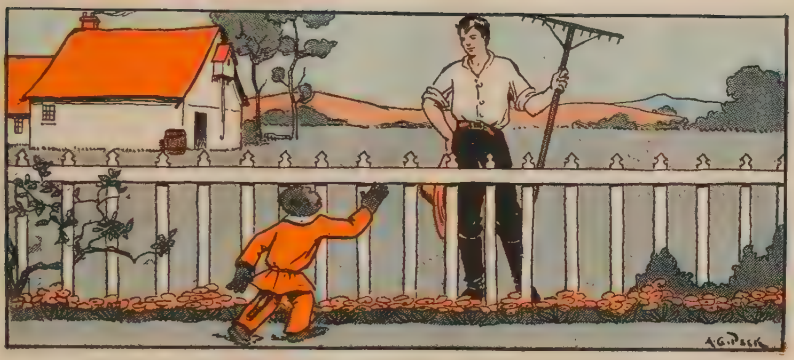
"Go ask the Cow for some,"
said the Cat.

4. The Monkey and the Cow

The Monkey went to the Cow
and said,
"Oh, kind Cow,
please give me some milk.
I will give the milk to the Cat,
so that the Cat
will give back my tail to me."

"I will give you the milk,"
said the Cow,
"if you will get me some grass."

"Where shall I get the grass?"
said the Monkey.
"Go ask the Farmer,"
said the Cow.



5. The Monkey and the Farmer

The Monkey went
to the Farmer and said,
"Oh, kind Farmer,
please give me some grass.
I will give the grass to the Cow.
The Cow will give me some milk.
I will give the milk to the Cat,
so that the Cat
will give back my tail to me."

"I will give you the grass,"
said the Farmer,
"if you will get me some rain."

"Where shall I get the rain?"
said the Monkey.
"Go ask the Clouds,"
said the Farmer.

6. The Monkey and the Clouds

The Monkey went
to the Clouds and said,
"Oh, kind Clouds,
please send me down some rain.
I will give the rain to the Farmer.
The Farmer will give me some grass.
I will give the grass to the Cow.
The Cow will give me some milk.
I will give the milk to the Cat,
so that the Cat
will give back my tail to me."

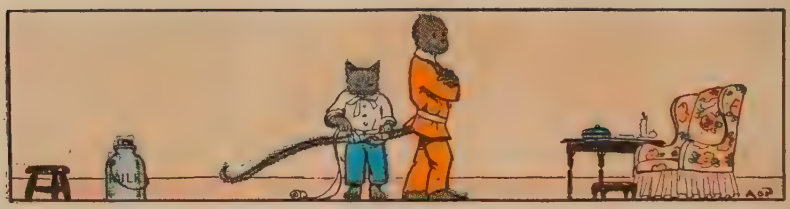
"We will give you the rain,"
said the Clouds,
"if you will get us some fog."

"Where shall I get the fog?"
said the Monkey.
"Go ask the River,"
said the Clouds.

7. The Monkey and the River

The Monkey went to the River
and said,
"Oh, kind River,
please give me a fog.
I will give the fog to the Clouds.
The Clouds will give me some rain.
I will give the rain to the Farmer.
The Farmer will give me some grass.
I will give the grass to the Cow.
The Cow will give me some milk.
I will give the milk to the Cat,
so that the Cat
will give back my tail to me."

"I will," said the River.



8. The Monkey Is Happy Again

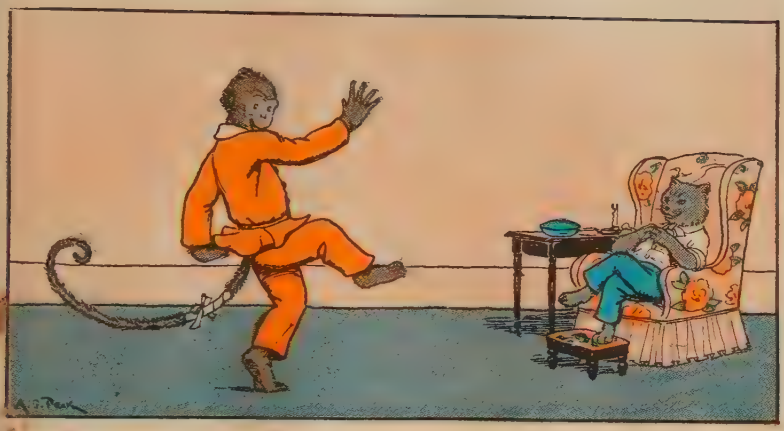
The River gave the Monkey a fog.

He took the fog to the Clouds, and the Clouds gave him rain.

He took the rain to the Farmer, and the Farmer gave him grass.

He took the grass to the Cow, and the Cow gave him milk.

He took the milk to the Cat, and the Cat gave him back his tail.



The Monkey was so glad
to have his tail again
that he danced up and down.

Ever since that time
the Monkey has watched his tail
with great care.

He still has a tail,
and he is still happy.

Which Is Right?

The Monkey lived

in the forest.
at the farm.
in a tent.

The Monkey got

meat for the puppy.
milk for the cat.
carrots for the rabbit.

The Monkey liked

to fly kites.
to watch sheep.
to climb trees.

Your Book

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trees	*1a*	*1a*
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sweaters	*1b*	*5b*
coats	*1a*	*1b*
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until	*1b*	*1a*
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cap	*1a*	*1b*
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birds	*1a*	*1a*
shining	*2a*	*1b*
orange	*1b*	*2a*
never	*1a*	*1a*
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jumped	*1a*	*1b*
donkeys	*1b*	*4a*
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Jingo	—	—
Jingo's	—	—
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clown's	—	*7*
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laughed	*1a*	*1a*
long	*1a*	*1a*
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ever	*1b*	*1a*
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grew	*1b*	*1b*
now	*1a*	*1a*
hide	*1a*	*1b*
85		
86		
lie	*2a*	*1b*
87		
88		
89		
90		
cut	*1a*	*1a*
91		
hard	*1b*	*1a*
92		
93		
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95		
96		
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each	*1a*	*1a*
these	*1a*	*1a*
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bell	*1a*	*1b*
hear	*1b*	*1a*
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great	*1b*	*1a*
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name	*1a*	*1a*
103		
Don	—	*7*
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104		
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106		
tied	*1b*	*1b*
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wagged	*1b*	*4b*
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108		
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109		
hated	—	*2a*
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mistress's	—	*2b*
bark	*1b*	*2a*
silly	—	*4a*
110		
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111		
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113		
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through	*1b*	*1a*
114		
baby's	*1a*	*1a*
lifted	*1b*	*1b*
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broken	*2a*	*1b*
leg	*1a*	*1b*
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any	*1a*	*1a*
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melted	—	*2a*
blew	*2a*	*3a*
kite	*1a*	*4b*
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wet	*1a*	*2a*
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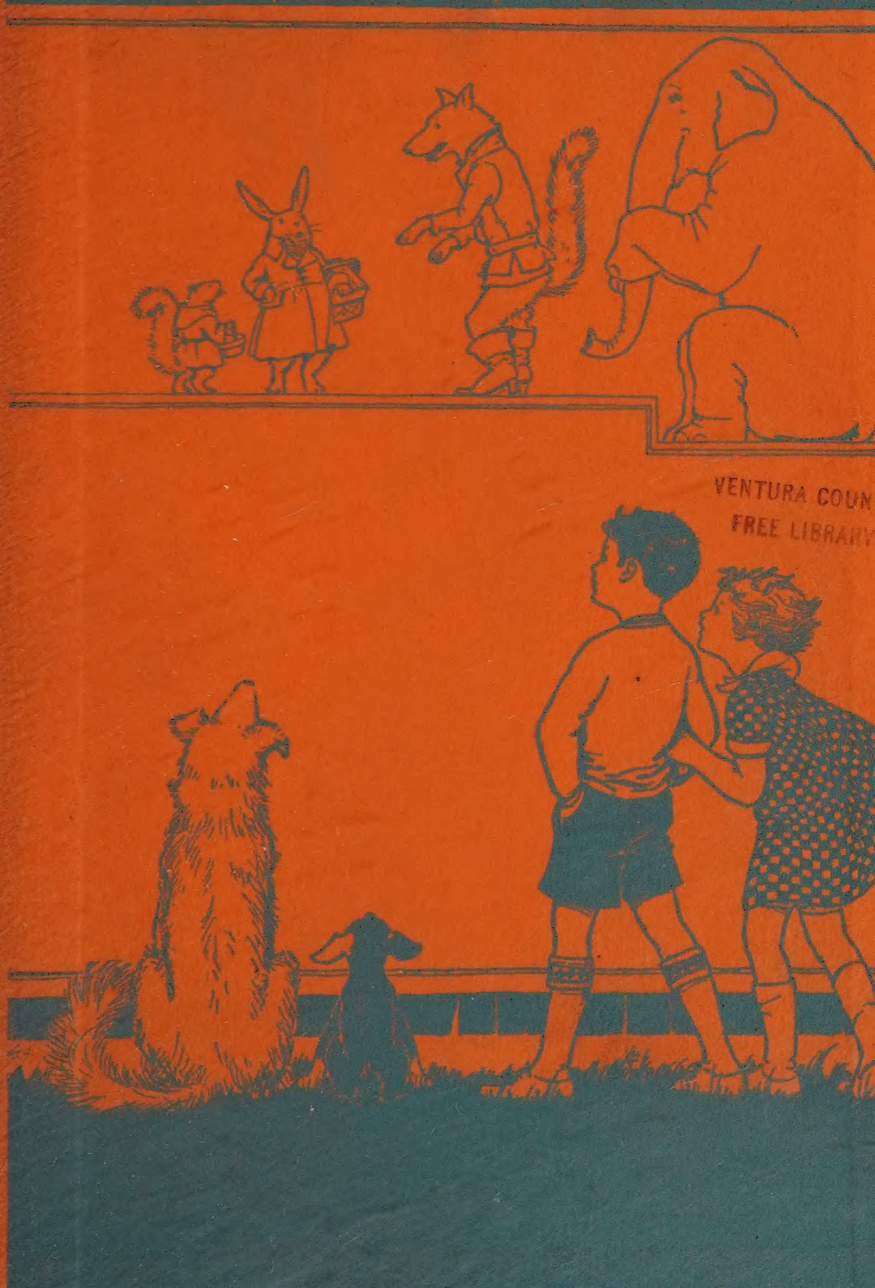

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